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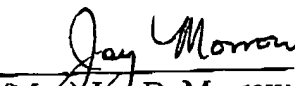
In compliance with U.S. patent practice, various sequences appearing throughout the description have been appropriately identified using sequence numerical identifiers. In addition, the sequence "-ILDELLG-" appearing in previous Figure 4A which identifies amino acid residues from 141 to 147 has been amended to instead read as from 139 to 145, consistent with SEQ ID NO:1 provided in the sequence listing. No new subject matter has been added by way of this amendment.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully respond to the defects mentioned in the Notice. Should any matters remain that might be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is courteously invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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